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IN REPLY REFER TO: 3160 – UTU90211X (UT-922000)

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SECRETARY, BOARD OF OIL, GAS & MINHNG

Board of Oil, Gas and Mining P.O. Box 145801 Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801

Re:

Docket 2015-015, Cause No. 191-07

Ouray Park II Unit,

Gentlemen:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has reviewed the referenced Request for Agency Action affecting lands within the Expanded Unit Area of the Ouray Park II Federal Exploratory Unit (Expanded Unit Area).

The Expanded Unit Area covers the following lands:

Township 7 South, Range 20 East, SLM

Section 1:

All

Section 11: NE¼N¼

Section 12:

E½, NW¼, NE¼SW¼

comprising 1,201.28 acres more or less

The applicant has requested the Board issue an order:

- Extending its Order in Cause 191-06 suspending Utah Admin. Code R649-3-2, R649-3-10, and R649-3-11(1) and R649-3-11 (2) for the Subject Lands;
- (b) Providing that the producing interval in any future well may not be located closer than 460 feet to the boundaries of the Ouray Park II Unit without obtaining an exception location from the Division pursuant to Utah Admin. Code R649-3-3;
- (c) Providing that no well may be directionally drilled if any producing portion of the 460 foot radius along the projected wellbore intersects with the boundaries of the Ouray Park II Unit without complying with the requirements of Utah Admin. Code R649-3-11;

- (d) Providing that QEP or its successor as unit operator of the Ouray Park II Unit agrees to provide (1) a plat or sketch showing the distance to lease boundaries and the target location with any application for permit to drill filed for a directionally drilled well and (2) a copy of the annual plan of development and operation for the Ouray Park II Unit;
- (e) Providing the requested suspension of these rules will remain in effect only for as long as the Subject Lands are committed to the Ouray Park II Unit;
- (f) Making such findings and orders in connection with this Request as it deems necessary; and
- (g) Providing for such other and further relief as may be just and equitable under the circumstances.

The BLM supports the request.

If you should have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Michael Coulthard of this office at (801) 539-4042.

Respectfully submitted this 2nd Day of April, 2015.

Sincerely,

Roger L. Bankert

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